

Appendix A

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16. (Allowed) A food casing comprising an internal surface coating of a dried aqueous emulsion comprising polyglyceryl ester which polyglyceryl ester consists essentially of a mixture of triglyceryltetraoleate and triglycerylmonooleate where the amount of triglyceryltetraoleate is greater than the amount of triglycerylmonooleate.

17. (Allowed) A food casing comprising an internal surface coating of a dried aqueous emulsion comprising from about 1 to about 5 wt. % polyglyceryl ester wherein the polyglyceryl ester comprises two different triglyceryl esters present in a ratio of about 4 to 1.

18. (Allowed) The food casing of claim 16 wherein the coating comprises from about 200 to about 1200 mg per square meter of internal surface of said polyglyceryl ester.

19. (Allowed) The food casing of claim 17 wherein the polyglyceryl ester is selected from the group consisting of triglyceryleolate and triglycerylmonooleate where the amount of triglyceryleolate is greater than the amount of triglycerylmonooleate.

20. (Allowed) The food casing of claim 17 wherein the aqueous emulsion additionally contains up to about 2 wt.% of a water soluble cellulose derivative.

21. (New) An aqueous emulsion for coating the internal surface of a food casing comprising, at least one polyglyceryl ester and greater than 50 wt % of water.

22. (New) The emulsion of claim 21 further comprising from about 10 to about 20 wt % of a polyhydric alcohol.

23. (New) The emulsion of claim 22 wherein said polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of glycerin and propylene glycol.

24. (New) The emulsion of claim 21 wherein the polyglyceryl ester comprises triglyceryleolate.

25. (New) The emulsion of claim 21 wherein the polyglyceryl ester is present from about 1 to about 5 wt %.

26. (New) The emulsion of claim 21 further comprising up to about 2 wt % of a water soluble cellulose derivative.

27. (New) The emulsion of claim 26, wherein the water soluble cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of methylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

28. (New) The emulsion of claim 21, further comprising up to about 5 wt % of a water insoluble low viscosity oil.

29. (New) The emulsion of claim 28 wherein, said water insoluble low viscosity oil is selected from the group consisting of soybean oil, cottonseed oil, mineral oil, animal derived oil, and silicon oil.

30. (New) The emulsion of claim 21, further comprising from about 0.1 to about 2 wt % of an emulsifier.

31. (New) An aqueous emulsion for coating the internal surface of a food casing comprising, at least one polyglyceryl ester and greater than 65 wt % of water.

32. (New) The emulsion of claim 31 wherein said polyglyceryl ester comprises triglyceryloleate.

33. (New) The emulsion of claim 31 further comprising from about 0.1 to about 2 wt % of an emulsifier.

34. (New) The emulsion of claim 31 further comprising from about 10 to about 20 wt % of a polyhydric alcohol.

35. (New) The emulsion of claim 34 wherein the polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of glycerin and propylene glycol.

36. (New) The emulsion of claim 31 wherein the polyglyceryl ester is present from about 1 to about 5 wt %.

37. (New) The emulsion of claim 31 further comprising up to about 2 wt % of a water soluble cellulose derivative.

38. (New) The emulsion of claim 37, wherein the water soluble cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of methylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

39. (New) The emulsion of claim 31, further comprising up to about 5 wt.% of a water insoluble low viscosity oil.

40. (New) The emulsion of claim 39 wherein, said water insoluble low viscosity oil is selected from the group consisting of soybean oil, cottonseed oil, mineral oil, animal derived oil, and silicon oil.

41. (New) The emulsion of claim 21 wherein said emulsion coats from about 200 to 1200 mg per square meter.

42. (New) The emulsion of claim 31 wherein said emulsion coats from about 200 to 1200 mg per square meter.